

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

AARON M. BAGG STUDENT MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Student membership awards in the Wilson Ornithological Society are available because of funds generously donated in the memory of Aaron M. Bagg, a former president of the Society. Application forms for the awards to be granted in 1981 may be obtained from John L. Zimmerman, Division of Biology, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas 66506. The deadline for applying is 1 November 1980. A Bagg Student Membership Award provides a 1-year membership in the Wilson Ornithological Society for successful nominees.

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

C.W.S. shorebird colour-marking.—In 1980, the Canadian Wildlife Service will be continuing a large-scale shorebird banding and colour-marking project in James Bay. Since 1974, over 45,700 shorebirds of 27 species have been captured and much information on migration and dispersal routes is being obtained. Observers are asked to look out for and report any colour-dyed or colour-banded shorebirds that they may see. Reports should include details of species, age (if possible), place, date, time, colour-marks and a note of the number of that species present. For colour-dyed birds please record the colour and area of the bird that was dyed. For colour-bands and standard metal leg bands, please record which leg the bands were on, whether they were above or below the 'knee,' the colours involved, and the relative position of the bands if more than one was on a leg (e.g., lower right leg, blue over metal, etc.). All reports will be acknowledged and should be sent to *Dr. R.I.G. Morrison, Canadian Wildlife Service, 1725 Woodward Drive, Ottawa, Ontario K1G 3Z7 Canada.*

International shorebird surveys, 1980-81.—The International Shorebird Survey scheme is organised by the Canadian Wildlife Service and Manomet Bird Observatory to obtain information on shorebird migration and distribution for conservational and research purposes. The scheme was started in 1974 and is providing a continental picture of shorebird distribution through surveys carried out by volunteers in eastern Canada and the U.S.A., the Caribbean Islands and Central and South America. In 1980, we plan to continue and extend the scheme in as many areas as possible. Any observer who may be able to participate in regular survey counts of shorebirds during spring, autumn and winter periods is asked to contact one of the undersigned. Occasional counts from observers visiting shorebird areas on an irregular basis would also be most welcome.

For areas in Canada: *Dr. R.I.G. Morrison, Canadian Wildlife Service, 1725 Woodward Drive, Ottawa, Ontario K1G 3Z7 Canada.*

For areas in the U.S.A., Caribbean Islands, Central and South America: *Brian A. Harrington, Manomet Bird Observatory, Manomet, Massachusetts 02345.*

New York State breeding bird survey.—The Federation of New York State Bird Clubs is initiating, in 1980, a five-year distribution survey of the breeding birds of New York State. The objectives and methods will be similar to those of survey projects in Britain and Ireland, and in Maryland, Massachusetts and Vermont in this country. The project is a joint endeavor of the Federation with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the Cornell University Laboratory of Ornithology, the National

Audubon Society and the New York State Museum. Participation by interested birders of the state is invited. For information on participation write to: Dr. Gordon M. Meade, Federation Atlas Project Chairman, 27 Mill Valley Road, Pittsford, New York 14534.

NOW AVAILABLE

The Proceedings of the Illinois Non-game Wildlife Symposium are now available at no charge. Write: Natural Heritage Section, Illinois Dept. of Conservation, 600 N. Grand Ave., West, Springfield, Illinois 62706.

NEW LIFE MEMBER



Randy Hill, a Life Member of WOS, is a Humboldt State University wildlife management graduate. He is especially interested in habitat requirements and habitat utilization of non-game birds and raptors, and has worked specifically on Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) distribution and nesting in northwest California. Mr. Hill and his wife Elaine, also a wildlife management graduate, enjoy photography, hiking, sports and travel (to Australia and Hawaii last year) and "of course, birdwatching."

NEW LIFE MEMBER



Gilbert S. Grant, a WOS Life Member, is a recent doctoral graduate of the University of California completing his thesis "Avian incubation: egg temperatures, nest humidity and behavioral thermoregulation in a hot environment." Dr. Grant's post-doc was through the University of Hawaii on the incubation physiology of albatrosses and petrels. Dr. Grant has a number of publications to his credit, ranging from distributional notes to behavior and breeding biology studies. His primary interest outside of ornithology is nature photography.